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**VALLEJO WOMAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR EMBEZZLING  
MORE THAN \$875,035**

***NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION VICTIM OF COMPUTER FRAUD***

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JESSICA QUITUGUA SABATHIA, 31, of Vallejo, California was sentenced to 18 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution for her crime. The sentencing follows the defendant's plea of guilty on July 28, 2004 to using her computer to embezzle more than \$875,035 from North Bay Health Care Group ("North Bay"), a not-for-profit organization which operates hospitals and clinics in Vacaville and Fairfield, California.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the United States Secret Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robin R. Taylor, who is prosecuting the case, SABATHIA was an accounts payable clerk at North Bay. SABATHIA admitted in Court to using accounting software on her computer to issue approximately 127 checks payable to herself and others, without the authorization of her employer. To conceal the fraud, SABATHIA altered the electronic check register to make it appear that the checks had been payable to North Bay's vendors. SABATHIA cashed several of the checks, and many were deposited into her bank account, and the bank accounts of others, and used for personal expenses.

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